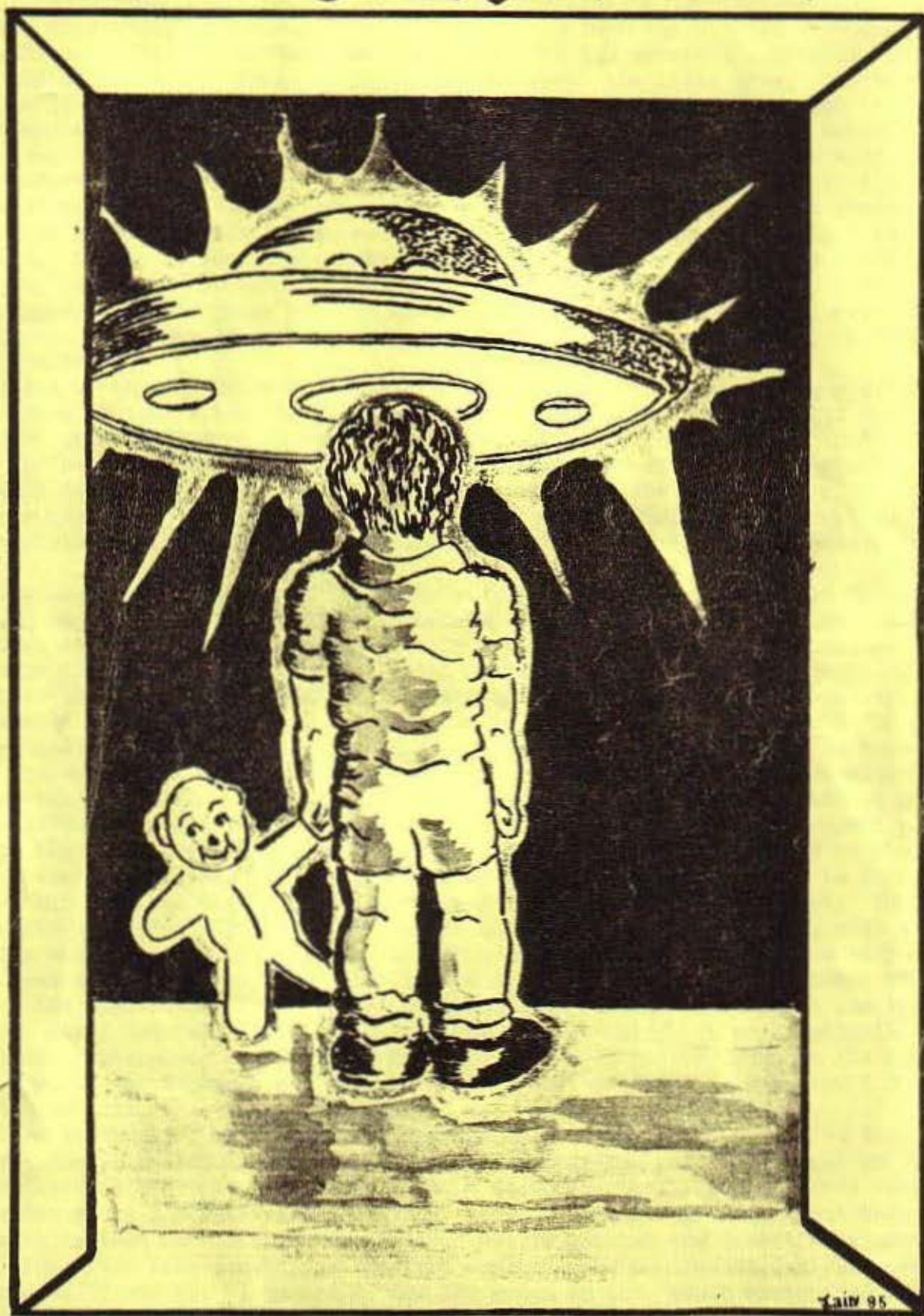


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Well, this is the third time I have had to type out the editorial comments...hopefully it is to be the third time lucky! Recently, West Yorkshire has been the site of a crop of yet more UFO sightings. Although nothing spectacular seemed too apparent initially, we may have to contend with another barrage of reports from around the Leeds area. Between the nights of June 24 to 27, a total of around sixty independent witnesses claimed to have watched red and white-coloured lights bobbing in and out of trees; flying around blocks of flats; zig-zagging back and forth very rapidly indeed; several objects merging into one...and goodness knows what else! Immediately following these reports, the Air Force calmed the situation down by telling us that military aircraft were in the immediate area of where the activity appeared to be centred, and hence everything was thought to be over and done with. However, from some of the reports which we have heard up to press (and which we are hoping to follow through), something a little more bizarre may have been occurring at the time. At this point in time however, we cannot really be too sure. It may all end up with a quite simple explanation...we shall have to wait and see. Watch this space for results...!

Graham Townsend of the Yorkshire UFO Society has recently - and very kindly - given us several prints of the photos he took of the possible landing site of the CalverLEY Woods CE3. On one of the prints, it appears that a possible stone circle is directly in the centre of where the object allegedly stood. However, another recent visit to the site has discounted this issue. The only real point of discovery was the uncovering of yet another previously undiscovered cup and ring marking, about two hundred yards from the burnt area. Its style and central design complements the other carvings found nearby in the woods.

Jenny Randles has recently given us the "fame at last" promotion in Northern UFO News, by advertising our mag. Obviously, all the ufologists are contemplating on whether to send ten or twenty years subscription to this wonderfully brilliant publication of ours, as the predicted onslaught of orders has not quite started coming in yet! We do however, have a considerable number of people who have already subscribed. Well, er, quite a few...er, just enough to warrant numerical value...er...one, to be exact! But it's a start! If you add a nothing and another nothing to the number "one", we have a hundred people subscribing straight away. You have got to be optimistic in this game...aswell as down right stupid!

Recent hitch-hiking ventures have again taken me to some strange and interesting parts of the country. At Westbury Hill, some fifteen miles from Stonehenge, a few thousand people assembled for the Midsummer sunrise which, unfortunately, was never seen due to the most appalling weather conditions. Whilst I was at Westbury however, I chanced to look at the mysterious rings in the corn fields immediately below the prehistoric fort. They were (as most of you will probably know) laid out in a precise geometric manner, with a large central ring and four smaller ones outlying it. Although I'll admit I know very little about the research which has gone into finding out what actually caused these bizarre depressions, the hypothesis of a type of whirlwind does seem to stretch the imagination to the limit. As I have said, the lay-out of the Westbury Rings is mathematically precise (or at least appears so) and for some type of whirlwind, however obscure its nature may be, to have created the impressions, appears quite unbelievable. Personally, I just cannot accept such an idea.

Also whilst at Westbury, I met a group of friends of mine who had spent a few days at Glastonbury before hand. Whilst there, they claimed that they had watched several purple-coloured objects flitting about in the skies directly above the Tor. These objects were apparently there for quite a considerable length of time. The amazing thing about this particular sighting is that an estimated one hundred people watched the cosmic merriment! About fifteen of them were from around the Bradford region. The manifestations were seen sometime between June 17 and 20. I wonder if any UFO group in the south could find out anything more about the mass sighting which seemingly took place? Interestingly, a group of witches from Yorkshire alleged that attempts of UFO manifestation-evocations were taking place down at Glastonbury around the time when these purple lights were seen. UFO flaps have occurred in the past at various points of the country due to covens performing these very difficult UFO evocation ceremonies. One such mini-flap mentioned in this month's mag could have been due to such activities (see "Case of the Missing Pterodactyl").

Well thankfully we're back to our normal self again with the pagination of the mag. Obviously, apologies are due for the lack of material in the June '85 edition, but hopefully we won't be faced with such problems again. The real cause of the problems was in fact troubles from the mobes and niplets! On several occasions I found myself being walloped by multitudes of wet cabbages! Hoards of furry niplets constantly wobbled under my poor nostrils, tickling them with such severity that the Hell's Grannies had to be rushed to my rescue! Fortunately, I was saved just in the nick of time. (Readers not knowing the habits of these weird creatures should refer to the April '85 edition of our mag.) Hopefully there will be no problems from these freaky creatures as you read through this month's edition of "Brigantia." Read onwards...

A Short Comment to the WYUFORG Skywatch, April 6, 1985 - Article by Ann Chanter

On page nine of the May '85 edition of Brigantia, Martin Daglass commented on the skywatch which ten members of our group attended, seven hundred and odd feet on top of Idle Hill. Although there was nothing of a pure ufological nature to relate in his article, one of the members of the team, Ann Chanter, wrote her remarks on the night in question in the following descriptive, poetic manner:

"We're going on a skywatch,"
Our gallant leader said.
"You're better in the fresh air
Than tucked up safe in bed!"

So we donned our mac's and wellies
And - with flasks and 'scopes in hand -
We marched forth into darkness,
A happy carefree band.

The fields and walls we conquered
With graceful, daring ease.
Not quite so, the clammy mud
Where we sank up to our knees!

The iron fence with barbed wire top
And points along its bottom,
We wriggled under on our backs:
A sight that's best forgotten!

The last leg was a grassy hill,
As steep as it could be.
The only way to reach the top
Was on our hands and knees.

But when we reached the summit,
As proud as we could be,
We gazed towards the heavens
And guess what we could see...?

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Thankfully, the skywatch which succeeded this one, wasn't greeted with the same unfortunate meteorological dilemma. A report on that one is written up by Martin later in this edition.

Magazine Review - by Darren P. Chanter

Northern UFO News, May-June, 1985. Published bi-monthly, cost £5.40 per annum

The latest issue of "Northern UFO News" contains all its regular features: the usual lengthy editorial by Jenny Randles (in this instance relating to "the ongoing saga of the Rendelsham Forest affair,"*and, in particular, British ufology's "abject refusal to take this matter in any seriousness."); book and magazine reviews; details of forthcoming UFO-related events in the region; and a case round-up - summarising several current investigations from both home and abroad. Of particular interest here, is the account of the "Saltfleet Encounter" - an exceptional case (currently under investigation by WYUFORG), fuller details of which will, hopefully, be included in the pages of this magazine in the near future.

Other features of note in the current NUN include: "Media Matters: a look at UFOs in the public eye" (which makes reference to the recent article in the Bradford Star about the CalverLEY Woods GE3 case**); and a short piece by author, Paul Devereux, clarifying

one or two points relating to his famous "earth lights" hypothesis.

To conclude therefore, the recent edition of the "Northern UFO News" continues to uphold the usual high standard of a magazine which - despite certain reservations concerning the size and quality of the printing (which some may find difficult to read) - is recommended reading for anyone wishing to keep "in touch" with the current UFO scene in and around northern Britain. (It's nearly as good as ours! Ed.)

* Readers who are not familiar with the details of this case - and would like to become so - are encouraged to read, "Sky Crash: A Cosmic Conspiracy," by Brenda Butler, Jenny Randles and Dot Street (Neville Spearman, 1984).

** As featured in the April and May editions of UFO Brigantia magazine.

After the Prelude: The Strange Case of 23784 - Part 2

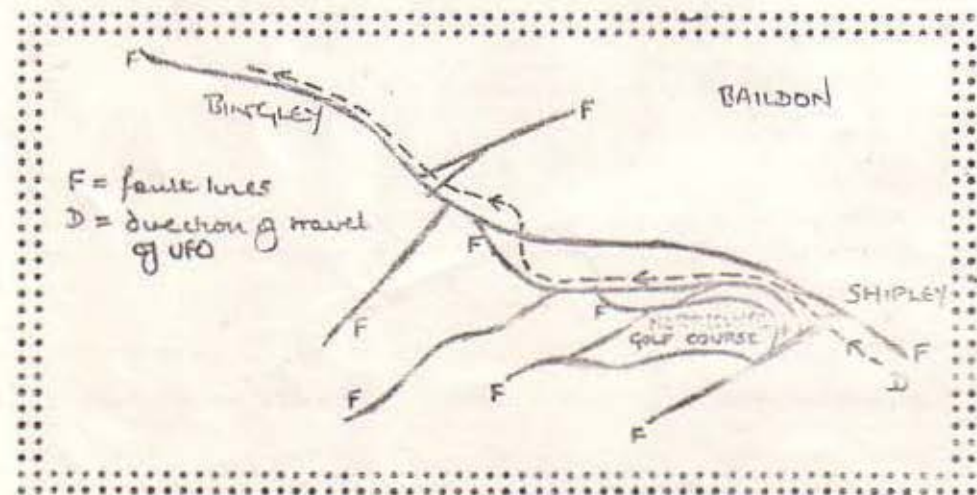
John Keel found that March and April of 1967 was the peak of all UFO flaps (before and since) anywhere in the world. In March alone, Keel received in excess of two thousand newspaper clippings telling of varieties of close encounters of all kinds. In his monumental landmark, "Operation Trojan Horse," he cites just one example of those extraordinary months, of the flap day of March 8. On this day alone, Keel received twenty-two reports and although this may be of considerable importance, we are told that "this was not an exceptional flap. It was in fact," he tells us, "A rather ordinary one(!)." In this example however, we are not informed any clues by Keel which could throw any possible light on the nature of the flap, other than the fact that the activity took place on a Wednesday.



July 23, 1984 was a Monday. To the best of my knowledge, that date was the highest peak flap date ever recorded anywhere in the Yorkshire region, with some fifty reports flooding the newspapers, radio stations and UFO organisations. Recently, that record may have been exceeded by the events between June 24-27, 1985, but we shall have to wait and see on that one. At the moment, of particular interest to this article, is the account given to us by a Mrs Doreen Ogden of Baildon relating to that now famous and strange case of 23784...

It was about 7.15pm. Weather conditions were archetypal for the time of year: with the sun slowly settling down for the night in the west and a calm, occasional breeze over the tops of the surrounding hills. Mrs Ogden was sat indoors watching the television, when her young niece rushed inside exclaiming "something about a flying saucer!" Outside, there were other children who Mrs Ogden's niece had been playing with when they noticed

the object...all of whom were individually gesticulating, very excitedly at the thing they were all looking at.



Across the Aire Valley, interestingly towards the Northcliffe Golf Course (see "The Strange Case of 23784, Part 1"), at an approximate distance as the crow flies of 1.8km, a solid-looking, possibly metallic, black globe, was floating very slowly some 25' above the horizon, seemingly "following the contours of the

valley." When Mrs Ogden initially saw the manifestation, it appeared to be moving parallel with the curvature of the hill at Northcliffe, from the direction of Bradford. But as it continued on its flight path, it seemed to move a little forward towards her direction, before carrying on seemingly above the middle of the Aire Valley. Mrs Ogden speculated that the black sphere was, for a reason she couldn't touch, following the path of the River Aire upstream. A very interesting comment of considerable importance, as we shall soon find out.

At the closest, the object was within 0.9km of the witnesses. It was at about now that Mrs Ogden, as well as some of the children, realised that the black sphere was rotating

slowly in an anticlockwise manner. The sharply defined edges of the object were now far clearer also. As it moved roughly westwards towards the direction of the setting sun, a flash of light was noticed on the edge of the object. None of the witnesses were too sure whether the flash of light was due to the sunlight reflecting off what they thought was a metallic surface, or whether the flash came from the inside of the circular manifestation.

After around three minutes of watching this thing, the near horizon obscured the view and it disappeared from sight. All witnesses were quite adamant that they had not been watching a balloon and admittedly, I must agree with them. Steve Hart, the other person who went to see the witness with me, also agrees that a balloon wasn't the culprit in this sighting. And so, what on earth was it...?

The illustration on page three of the fault lines immediately beneath where the UFO was seen, again shows a remarkable compatibility with the flight path of the manifestation observed. I don't really think I can do anything other than parrot the remarks I made on the Gordon Holmes case in Part 1 of this series. That is, because of the substantial earth tremor which preceded the 23 July events, subsequent emanations of earth lights (the origin of which, Devereux is re-assessing) were inevitably predictable. The fact that the object seen by Mrs Ogden and the children she was with, conforms in its flight path with the lengths and directions of fault lines in the earth, seems to imply nothing other than the manifestation and subsequent observation of an earth light.

The particular element in this case which I imagine many ufologists could debate over, is the description of the UFO being black, solid and possibly metallic in structure. Earth lights, due to their nature, appear as balls of energy by and large. However, the entire nature of this new area of physics research is still in its embryo stage, and the possibility of earth lights, under specific conditions, achieving a solid and/or structured guise, cannot be ruled out by any means whatsoever. Stuart Campbell, the Scottish researcher who worked on the Livingston Case, proposed "black ball lightning" as an explanation for the event. Although I disagree with those conclusions on that particular case example, it is a viable proposition for probably countless other UFO-related incidences. But, in the Mrs Ogden case in question in this article, I must say that the evidence points towards something along the lines of an earth light being the culprit.

The Yorkshire UFO Data Centre

Recently, Nigel Mortimer, previously of WYUFOS, contacted us to tell of a recent idea of his, relating to a computer assessment of UFO sightings. He first had this idea a few years ago and now, it appears that he is bringing it into operation. Basically, the aim of the Yorkshire UFO Data Centre (or YUDC, for short) is to become a storehouse of UFO sighting information that will be available/accessible to subscribing members from individual UFO groups. The YUDC will be able to be used at anytime, through a standard request form and thus will be kept daily up to date in sightings and other related information, such as local weather, location details, etc. One years access to YUDC will cost £1 per person per annum. Readers who wish to receive further information on Nigel's work should write to him at 33 Green Lane, Addingham, IlkLEY, West Yorkshire LS29 0JH.

"Huge Torpedo-Shaped UFO Possibly in 1938"

We all know that flying saucers were not quite the rage in 1938, yet a Mr Edward Burton, now of BarnsLEY, chanced to witness something quite bizarre in those old days of yesteryear. He wrote: "At the time I was about 13, give or take a year... I was just running from my home one bitter cold winter's night and I hadn't gone half a mile when a tingling sensation went right through me and the hairs on the back of my neck stood up. At that instant I was terrified...

Though I didn't hear a thing, I sensed the direction of its source - over my right shoulder. There it was, only a few hundred yards high, torpedo-shaped, but huge like two football fields placed end to end. It had a pale blue haze around it and a row of brightly lit windows. I seem to remember that the windows were rectangular with rounded corners, but after all of this time I cannot be too sure.

"I was walking down Kings Road, Bradford, towards the town along a section that was raised well above the fields at the time - it is now built up. One had a magnificent view over the area of Bradford along the valley towards ShipLEY.

"This object was travelling from my rear to front and slightly to the right. It was very fast, much faster than any aeroplane flying at that time. It disappeared over the not too distant horizon of Bradford in two or three seconds. With that I turned back, I was very frightened indeed. The time of this event was sometime in the evening...it was cold and the sky was cloudless with millions of stars."

Article taken from FSR 7:3, November, 1981.

Since the advent of the groups' magazine my mind has been full of ideas about the cover design. I have consistently tried to have original, albeit subjects. It has been my belief that a different cover on the front of each issue would attract readers to the content of our journal. Many of the long standing magazines; for instance Flying Saucer Review and Northern UFO News, although having a high readable content have persisted in using the same cover design each issue. I realise this is through economic reasons more than any other.

As I have said, I have attempted to keep the covers topical. The first designs were done in pen and ink for the February and March issues. February's illustrated the connection between UFOs and Stone Circles. March's showed the similarity between UFOs and the Faerie Mythology by depicting the UFO and the mushroom and the ufo-naut and the elf. April's issue illustrated the 'Scareships' of the 1890s to the 'modern' UFO of the 1960s. On May's edition I changed over to scraperboard as a medium on which I depicted a grounded saucer and a small Ufo-naut with the Earth and a disc shaped craft reflected in the Ufo-nauts eye. June's issue saw a version of the Ancient Astronauts, so beloved of Von Daniken and W. Raymond Drake to name two.

This issue was inspired by Steven Spielberg's 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' and John Wyndham's Sci-Fi novel 'Chocky'. So what of next months? Well I am full of ideas for that and future issues, so watch out!

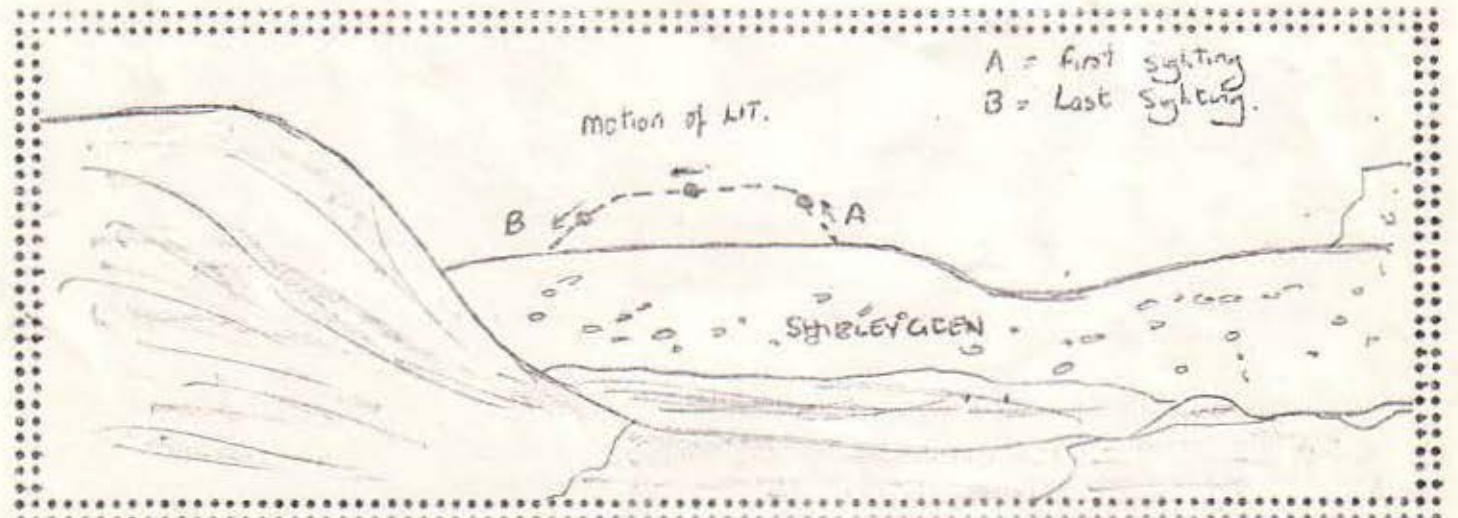
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WYUFORG SKYWATCH - May 31st: Venue Baildon Moor.-

As we all know at WYUFORG; Baildon Moor has been the site for many a UFO sighting throughout the years and it was with this thought in our minds that we decided upon a Skywatch on May 31st.

The day promised much in the way of poor visibility as a cloudy overcast sky prevailed throughout daylight. However, as darkness came, so the clouds disappeared and Baildon Moor afforded a splendid view across the district of Shipley etc.

The watch began at about 12:30 a.m. and after an hour of intense sky-scanning we spotted what could have been a UFO! At around 1:30 a.m. a small red/orange LIT was seen to emerge from behind a hill, traverse the sky from right to left as we looked and slowly disappear again behind the hill. (see diagram). The whole manoeuvre lasted approximately one minute.



We dismissed the possibility of aircraft lights to explain the sighting and also dismissed car headlights as an explanation. The motion of the object was very slow and had an unusual colour of red/orange. We could quite plainly see the bright orange lights of Shipley and these were much brighter and more orangey than the object we had seen. We could hear no noise but the wind was very blustery and obviously could have carried any apparent noise away from us.

SKYWATCH LOG: Start- 12:00 a.m.
 Aircraft observed- 1:00 a.m.
 UFO(?) observed - 1:30 a.m.
 Aircraft observed - 2:15 a.m.
 Finish - 2:45 a.m.

Numerous car head lights were also clearly identified moving across the hills. Skywatches are quite obviously beneficial and we look forward to the next wherever it may be.....

The Case of the Missing Pterodactyl!

Bigfoot, Yeti, Mo-Mo, the Loch Ness Monster, Mothman, UFOs...none of them exist! Try and tell them that! Just imagine being a Sasquatch roaming the Californian woods one sunny afternoon, knowing full well that you don't exist - it must be one hell of a problem to work out! Such an unfortunate situation was undoubtedly wandering through the mind of a strange creature reported by numerous people during the late summer of 1982...

It was early September that year, and the skies of West Yorkshire seemed to be starting with quite a spectacular opening. Coincidentally - and on the ground! - the residents from Baildon and ShipLEY were watching frightening processions of people clad in white robes and hoods, after dark. Nearby woodlands became the centres where these figures were being seen. Burning crucifixes, enchanted moans and ceremonial dances were being reported. Strangely however, local witch covens and magicians had nothing to do with these bizarre goings-on. Even they were baffled by these antics!

And then, on Sunday, September 12, 1982, something decidedly peculiar clambered out of the woods where some of these figures were allegedly seen. It was mid-afternoon. Witness William Green told us, "It appeared to be flying in a rather haphazard way, keeping fairly low. The silhouette was quite eerie. Its wings seemed to represent the shape of a bat, or, more realistically, a pterodactyl!"

Mr Williams described the approximate wingspan as being at least six feet, but was probably considerably larger. The creature, whatever it was, was coloured grey. It possessed relatively short legs and a medium-length beak (whatever that may mean!). It was seen flying out of the woods just below ShipLEY Glen, at a site called the Devil's Punchbowl. This place is an area which has stories of mischievous little people living there. Cup and ring stones are numerous all around the region.

The same week, on Wednesday, September 15, Jean Schofield of Yeadon, apparently saw the same thing. She claims that the large creature was actually been mobbed by a group of rooks! In a hopeful attempt to escape, the "bird" flew off above her garden and headed northwards in the direction of the airport. Evidently the poor creature must have missed the last aeroplane back home, as it was seen later by other witnesses! Mrs Schofield described the "bird" as being several times larger than the rooks which were attacking it (rooks have wingspans of around four feet - greater in some cases), with what she could only say as "a huge wingspan."

Anyhow, whatever this strange creature may have been, it certainly seemed to be of interest to the local UFOs...as they suddenly began appearing over the moorlands of Baildon. Londoner Steven Hunt, watched a small group of green and white lights zooming back and forth, and up and down, in the starlit skies over the moors sometime during the third week of September. Other similar-looking articles were seen that same week by a Mr Ian Dunbar of ShipLEY. They too were described as cavorting around the moorlands, generally making an exhibition of themselves!

Unfortunately at this point in the story, I had to go back up to Edinburgh for a few days...and hence if anything occurred whilst I was up there, I would obviously miss it. But when eventually I managed to hitch back down to Bradford, the stories were that this "bird" was still being seen. By now however, we had an explanation as to what it was we were all seeing:

One day during early September of 1982, an American condor bird was flying back home after his migratory flight, to the mountains near the Rockies in the USA. As he flew gracefully over a range of mountains, admiring the view and generally minding his own business, a rapid movement of warm air caught him in the behind and before he knew it, a huge volcano was erupting beneath him. At this point, the condor realised that if he didn't take sudden action, he'd be done for. So promptly he veered to about a thousand miles off course, until he settled down on a rooftop and had a well-deserved rest! On one particular night, although nobody saw the condor, a Mr Richard Pollock of Pudsey claimed that he had been dive-bombed by a pterodactyl!

Mr Pollock was out walking his dog on its late night stroll, when for what at first seemed to be an inexplicable reason, the dog began whimpering and refused to go any further. What followed was a sound which Mr Pollock says, he "will never forget." For out of the night sky came a piercing, high-pitched shriek, which shattered the silent air. With the dog still whining, the poor human now shuddered with feelings of anticipated fright. But following the screams, came a series of low, haunting moans, crying through the calming echoes which had preceded them. Looking around him, Mr Pollock was trying to see what could have made those "horrifying sounds." And there, about a hundred yards or more away, perched upon a rooftop and silhouetted against the darkened heavens, stood a huge bird-looking creature. For a bird, its size was enormous, standing at least four feet in height! It stood with huge hooked beak, and large talons. To Richard Pollock, the creature he was seeing looked more reptilian than anything else...and its shape looked very ominous indeed.

As he stood dumbfounded, the bizarre creature opened its large beak and screeched its groaning cry once more. Immediately following this, the creature appeared to notice Richard Pollock and his canine friend and launched itself into flight towards the terrified figures. As the huge reptilian creature soared towards them, Mr Pollock claims he could actually "hear the beating of leathery wings." The wing span looked incredible, he said - seemingly exceeding eight feet! As the creature got within only a few feet of them, Mr Pollock actually threw himself onto the floor so he wouldn't be hit by the thing. And as he looked upwards again, he saw the silhouette of the flying reptile soaring off into the clouded void of night...never to be seen again.

It was the beginning of October now. Mrs Constance Hird of Eldwick claimed she too saw the "huge reptile-looking bird" flying close to her home in the middle of the afternoon. It seemingly came from the direction of ShipLEY Glen, first flying up out of the woodlands near the area. And on Sunday, October 3, a dear little UFO raised its wondrous head! A Mr and Mrs Hodgson of Saltaire (a half mile from ShipLEY Glen and the Devil's Punchbowl) saw "four flashing red lights which appeared to be saucer-shaped." The object/s sped overhead at about 9.30pm. Mrs Hannah Hodgson described: "The lights were coming off and on as if it were revolving...We couldn't tell how high or low it was and we couldn't hear anything." Mr Hodgson told us that "There were four lights and it was going round in circles as it went towards Bradford."

A few days prior to this sighting, a group of teenagers claimed to have seen a "small, bright white light zigzagging across the skies over Yeadon." They were all quite adamant that they had not seen an aircraft, nor a satellite, as I had suggested. A few days after this, another light in the sky sighting was reported from Woodside, although I have little details on that.

On the night of Tuesday, October 12, more reports came in of a group of hooded people, dressed in white robes, performing strange ceremonial activity in the Buck Woods area of ThackLEY, Bradford. The following evening, two witnesses described seeing "reptile-looking creature climb out of the woods" and glide at treetop level towards ThackLEY and eventually out of sight. At one point the two girls were only two hundred yards from the manifestation. They too claimed to have heard a great "screeching sound" just before they saw it come up out of the trees. Eventually, all sorts of explanations were coming in as to what people were really seeing: ospreys, kestrels, crows, that lost and bewildered conder, an eagle and even a vulture! But after October 13, our strange, reptilian friend seemingly disappeared from the skies of West Yorkshire, never to be seen again. Occasionally, one or two other reports came in, but in these cases they really did appear to be simple misidentifications of straightforward bird life. Whatever that strange creature from time and space was (as Mr Keel would have called it!) and whether we will ever see it again around these parts, we will, quite honestly, never know...

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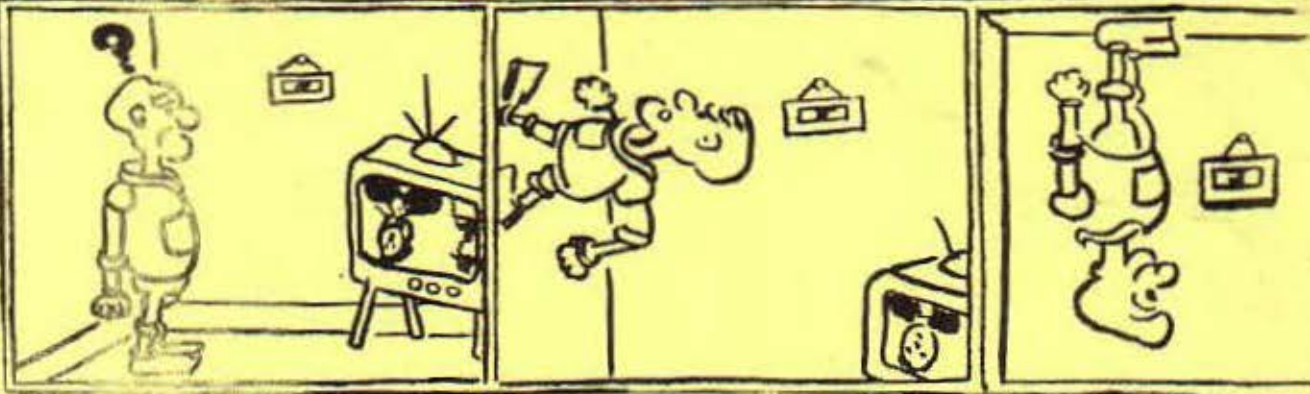
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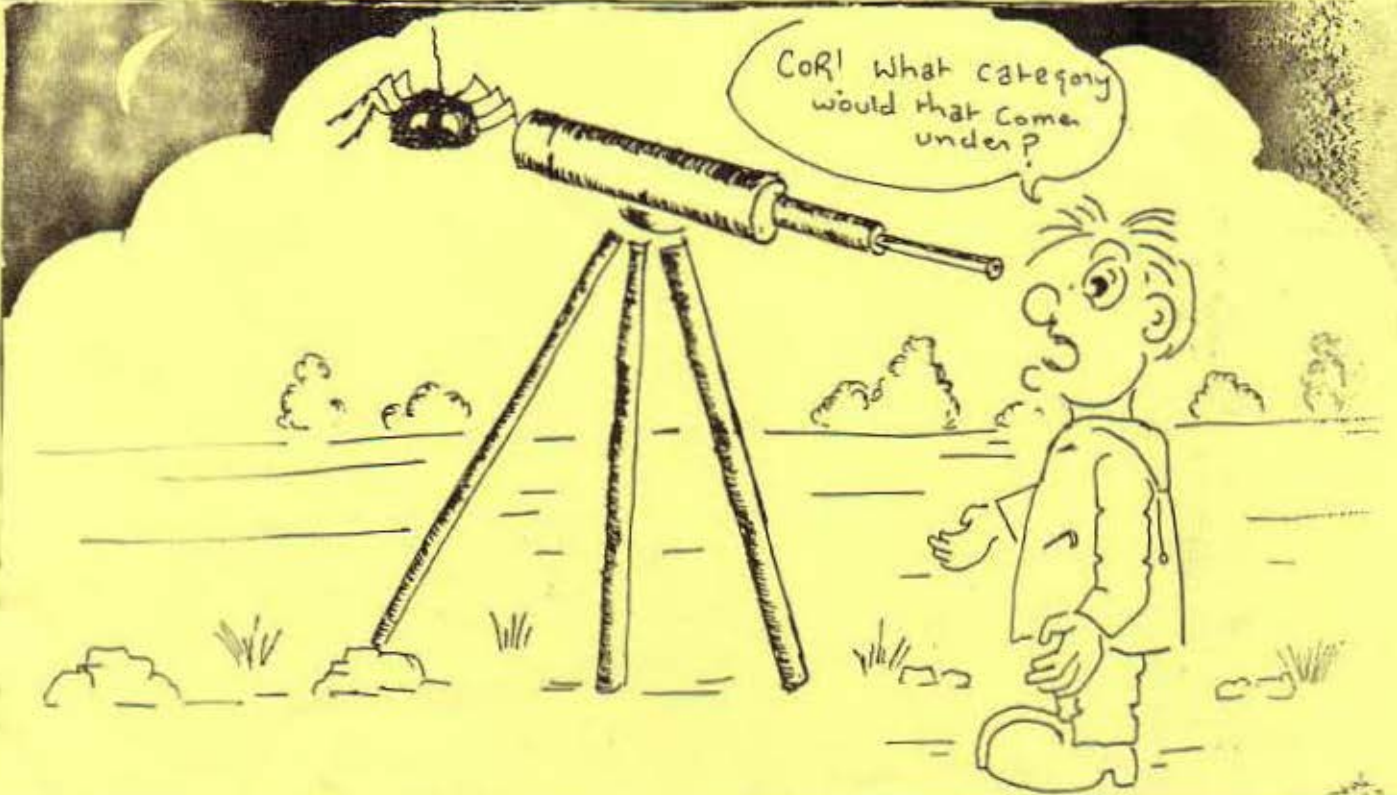
GALAXATIVE... by... J. J. J.



Right Lads! Let's test the nuts and bolts theory for good!!



CoR! What category would that come under?



Since Ufology has progressed in leaps and bounds over the past decade or two, ufologists have tended to look beyond the nearer planets as a source of the UFO Phenomenon. The nearer planets, Mars and Venus are thought to be inhospitable to intelligent life; this I would dispute, but will go into this in detail later in this article.

Now, we have theories, with quite a lot of proof I might add, that UFOs could be of a paranormal nature or inter-dimensional or even from another plane of existence. If we take for a moment that these 'craft' are solid from some undiscovered 'Country', either beneath the Earth or under the Sea we have to ask ourselves, how long has this civilisation been in existence? It is obviously superior in scientific knowledge, but that does not necessarily mean that the 'aliens'-if I may use that term-can do all that we can in some scientific fields. Scientific knowledge as we define it moves in conjunction with human affairs. War is a great impetus to science, necessity being the mother of invention. Aeronautical Science progressed in this century pushed along by warfare.

A typical example of 'aliens' not possessing the same knowledge we have can be seen in the Betty and Barney Hill case in which the Ufonauts had no knowledge of what a dental plate was for and yet the aliens described here were endowed with the knowledge of interstellar flight!

An alien civilisation when studying the human race in detail may be able to steal scientific learning from us for their own advantage. There have been reports down through the ages of a mysterious subterranean culture of high learning- 'The Shamballa or Agharti of Eastern Legend'. Whether this mysterious race inhabits the vastness of Tibet, Mount Shasta in California or as one report suggests, under Yellowstone Park U.S.A. is not entirely clear. The mere fact that these people are said to exist points to their credibility. The problem then remains as why they have not been discovered before. The plain truth of the answer is is that they have ! There are too many reports to disprove it. The subterraneans would probably avoid us like the plague! The collective species- Homo Sapiens- is after all a very hostile beast.

A race occupying the same planet as ourselves would ultimately be concerned about how we disrupt the planets' environment with pollution, radiation and all the other abuses we use science for. The Hollow Earth theory is said to be scientifically impossible yet we know when the Arthur. C. Clarkes of this (no disrespect intended) world say something is impossible it usually turns out to be the opposite. There is nothing solid in nature; we only have to put a pebble under a microscope to see that this is so. It is the same with our planet. The scientifically accepted theory of the Earth having a molten core cannot be proved by scientific methods. I remember at Science class in the Forties and fifties in school when we were taught that the moon had come away from the Earth when the latter was in a molten state. This has now been disproved with the advancement of our knowledge. One only has to look at the books of Robert Charroux- the reputable French writer on mysteries earthly and cosmic- to know that there is something strange going on under our feet!

The Oceans of the world too could harbour (no pun intended!) undersea societies of remarkable sophistication. Large numbers of USOs (Underwater Submarine Objects) have been seen entering and leaving the waters of the Atlantic and the Pacific, particularly in the area of the notorious Bermuda Triangle. Scientists at the moment are contemplating adapting human beings genetically to live in the deep oceans and the depths of interplanetary space. The number of ships being found abandoned with no clue to the whereabouts of the voyagers is too many to account for as accidents at sea. Probably a race of 'Aquanauts' is abducting human beings for some unknown purpose. If we are to favour the evolutionists when they say that life came forth from the sea onto the land; then perhaps our cousins were left behind to develop their own way of life. Note the many reports of mysterious submarines or Unidentified Floating Objects and the mysterious returns picked up on sonar in vast proportions.

As regards aliens from some other plane or dimension this too is quite feasible as a source of UFOs. Inter-dimensional aliens would probably appear in our dimension in many bizarre forms similar to those mentioned by John Keel, the renowned American writer and investigator of the paranormal. I personally subscribe to the theory that the much mentioned 'Mothman' and various other creatures described by John Keel are escapees from some secret laboratory engaged in genetic experiments. We have to describe in detail what we mean by another dimension or alternate plane- such dimensions existing alongside ours may have different laws of space and time. We know that we live in four dimensional space. Or do we? We only assume this through current scientific thought. We may actually exist in more dimensions than we are aware of. Time itself is a dimension and we measure it to suit our own purposes. An alien civilisation could exist in and travel through the space time continuum. Therefore for such Chrononauts time would, as we know it, not exist for them. A UFO if it was a time machine would be powered by a drive that would have speed without motion. The effect of this drive would strain normal space time as we conceive it. Charles Maine once described this as the 'Einstein Highway'. The result of such a time vessel when in operation would give an observer

Case No WY/025 - Investigator Raymond Field.

On 13th September 1983, Mrs J of York got out of bed in the early hours of the morning-approx 4a.m.- to let out the cat. On glancing up at the sky she saw a large orangey yellow globe of light about twice the size of a bright star moving across the horizon from SW to SE. The witness saw the object for approximately 15 minutes before it was lost from her field of vision. The speed of the object was very steady and slow. Mrs J reported the sighting to Radio York and they confirmed that a number of sightings had been reported the previous evening over Leeds.

Case No WY/026 - Investigator Peter Chattaway.

On May 24th 1985, Mr W of Hasworth was up a ladder cleaning some outside windows when he saw a silver pear shaped object moving across the sky slowly. The time was about 4p.m. The weather was warm and sunny and no noise was heard coming from the object.

Case No WY/027 - Investigator, Martin Dagless.

In late March 1982, Miss S of Pudsey was out walking when at 8:55p.m. she heard a low humming sound. On looking up she saw a cluster of lights of no definite shape-possibly oblong-the lights hovered over Pudsey swimming baths for a few seconds before moving off in the direction of Central Leeds.

Case No WY/028 - Investigator Jim Bolton.

In March of 1980, Mrs W of Clayton, Bradford went to her garden late one evening at about 10-10:30 p.m. to go to the dustbin. On glancing at the sky she saw what she thought was a 'travelling star', moving from SSE to NNW. She then noticed another light travelling not far behind the first but on a slightly different path. As she watched these she then realised there was a third light below the second one which made up a triangular formation. She watched the lights for a few minutes before they disappeared from view in the direction of Allerton.

Case No WY/029 - Investigator, Iain Johnston.

In Winter of early 1950's, Mr R of Bradford was serving in the Army in Scotland on manoeuvres. He was crossing a remote part of Caithness at approximately midnight when he saw a ball whitish glowing figure which seemed to be hovering above the ground. Mr R felt at peace with himself and said it was the most beautiful thing he has ever seen. The entity faded from sight-dissolving into some mist.

Case No WY/030 - Investigator, Iain Johnston.

Sometime in 1972, Mr X of Bramley, Leeds saw a 'huge' orange ball travel across his field of view. He said the speed was slow and the size ten times larger than the Sun (slight exaggeration!!). There was no sound and the speed was slow. It was a bright sunny day sometime in Summer.

Case No WY/031 - Investigator Geoff Tolley.

Mr Y of Lidget Green, Bradford was out in his garden at about 10:30-11:00p.m. on the night of June 23rd 1985 when he saw five lights hovering on the horizon. The colour of the lights sometimes changed from red to white. He also observed a beam of light projected from one of the five lights. Mr Y watched the objects for eighty minutes before going inside his house. All the five lights remained stationary throughout the 80 minutes.

Case No WY/032 - Investigator, Ann Chanter.

Approximately 9½ years ago (1975?), two witnesses were in Queensbury, Bradford at about 1a.m. It was a beautiful morning with the birds singing and the odd car passing by. Suddenly everything went quiet. The witnesses looked up to see a circular object with different coloured lights round the edge. The object was very close and the witnesses could only see the underside. They watched it at close range for about three or four seconds before it moved away and was lost from sight behind some trees. As the object disappeared the birds began to sing again.

In addition to the above the Calverley Woods CELL (SEE issues 6+7) is still undergoing investigation with soil samples from the 'landing site' being sent to Bradford University for analysis. Also the morning of June 27th '85 produced some 60 reports when red/white lights were seen over Garforth, Swillington and Wakefield. The 'official' explanation was Jet Provost aircraft on night manoeuvres from R.A.F. Church Fenton. The article by Iarren Chanter elsewhere in this issue outlines the event of the night in question.